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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant acknowledges receipt of an Office Action dated 01/16/2003. Also filed simultaneously herewith is a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Three Month's Time within which to file this Amendment and Response. Also attached is a Substitution of Power of Attorney signed by the inventor.

Applicant, through the undersigned new attorney of record in this case, responds to the Examiner's concerns as follows:

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